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> Petition of Twin Chimneys Power Producers, LLC for Expedited Consideration and Issuance of a Declaratory Order Docket No. 2021-202-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the filing submitted by Twin Chimneys Power Producers, LLC ("TCPP" or the "Petitioner") for expedited consideration and issuance of a declaratory order confirming that TCPP's landfill gas project is exempt from regulation by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") under S.C. Code § 58-5-35 ("Request").

Overview of the Petitioner's Request

TCPP is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina, TCPP is affiliated with Enerdyne Power Systems, Inc ("Enerdyne"), a Landfill Gas ("LFG") project developer, owner and operator based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Enerdyne and its affiliates have years of experience developing, constructing and operating projects that make productive use of LFG, a renewable energy resource.

S.C. Code § 58-5-35, entitled "Exemption of certain public utilities and pipeline companies from regulation by Commission." states:

Public utilities and pipeline companies engaged in the extraction, processing, distribution, or sale of landfill gas (LFG) derived from sanitary landfills, which provide this gas to no more than twenty customers from any single landfill, are exempt from regulation by the commission.

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TCPP has entered into a long-term agreement with Greenville County for the utilization of LFG generated from the Twin Chimneys Landfill. The Twin Chimneys Landfill is a "sanitary landfill" as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 44-96-40(44) of the South Carolina Solid Waste Policy Management Act. LFG is methane that is a natural byproduct of the decomposition of organic landfill contents. TCPP is planning to install a renewable natural gas processing facility that will collect LFG from the Twin Chimneys Landfill and separate and remove impurities from the LFG to meet pipeline quality specifications. TCPP has entered into an agreement to sell all of the processed LFG to the Greenwood Commission of Public Works ("GCPW"). In order to deliver the processed LFG to GCPW, TCPP must construct a pipeline from its processing facility to GCPW's interconnection metering station located on the adjacent side of Highway 25 which requires the pipeline to cross South Carolina Department of Transportation right-of-way.

ORS Recommendation

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ORS has reviewed the Petitioner's Request and discussed the project with the Petitioner. As stated in the Request and in conversations with TCPP, all of the processed LFG will be sold to a single customer, GCPW. Based on its review, ORS does not object to the Commission's approval of the Petitioner's Request.

Sincerely,

All Parties of Record (via e-mail)

David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)